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**Feeding control method for stacked sheets - using suction pad displaced downwards contacting the uppermost sheet at low speed and sheet flexed by pressure to judge if single sheet**

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Photographic light sensitive mediums (14) such as sheets are fed one by one by a suction pad (16) in a control apparatus. The pad is displaced downward at a low speed in a position near the stack. An uppermost sheet (14) is attracted to the pad and is flexed by a sheet presser (18) while it is separated from the other sheets and a judgment made as to whether a single sheet is obtained.

This is accomplished by assessing the degree of flex of the sheet and if multiple sheets have been attracted the pad releases the sheets and tries again at a given stop position.

ADVANTAGE - Avoids damage to high quality recording medium.

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